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Southern California Edison (SCE) Banducci Substation – Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND)

Dear Mr. Uchida:

The California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) District 9 appreciates the opportunity to review the MND for the proposed substation and related components in the Tehachapi area of Kern County. We have the following comments:

- State Route (SR) 202 was re-routed in the early 2000's and is incorrectly shown on many MND maps. (A "West Tehachapi Boulevard" label is also incorrect.) All maps should be updated accordingly per the SR 202 map enclosure. **A-1**
- The California Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (CAMUTCD) and Caltrans Standard Plans must be utilized and hence, cited in the document for traffic control within State right-of-way (R/W). An encroachment permit would be required for such traffic control. **A-2**
- Although traffic control lane closures would be limited to non-peak hours, a public outreach campaign should be considered to better inform residents about the project. **A-3**
- Any new utility line crossing SR 202 or SR 58, either overhead or underground, will require a Caltrans encroachment permit. (The document does note use of some existing conduit.) **A-4**
- Pole replacements are plotted on the Figure 5.4-1 **Vegetation** series maps. New poles are not covered under the encroachment permit for the existing poles; a new permit will be required for such poles within State R/W. **A-5**
- Page 5-234, **Applicant Proposed Measures** – Since there are three traffic related mitigation measures, the sentence stating there is not any, is in error. **A-6**

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- Further information on encroachment permits for utilities may be found in the Encroachment Permit Manual:

http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/traffops/developserv/permits/pdf/manual/Chapter_6.pdf

- SCE may continue working with Mark Reistetter, of our District 9 Permits Office. He may be contacted at (760) 872-0674 or mark.reistetter@dot.ca.gov.

We value a cooperative working relationship concerning project related transportation issues for the State Highway System. Please contact me at (760) 872-0785, with any questions.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

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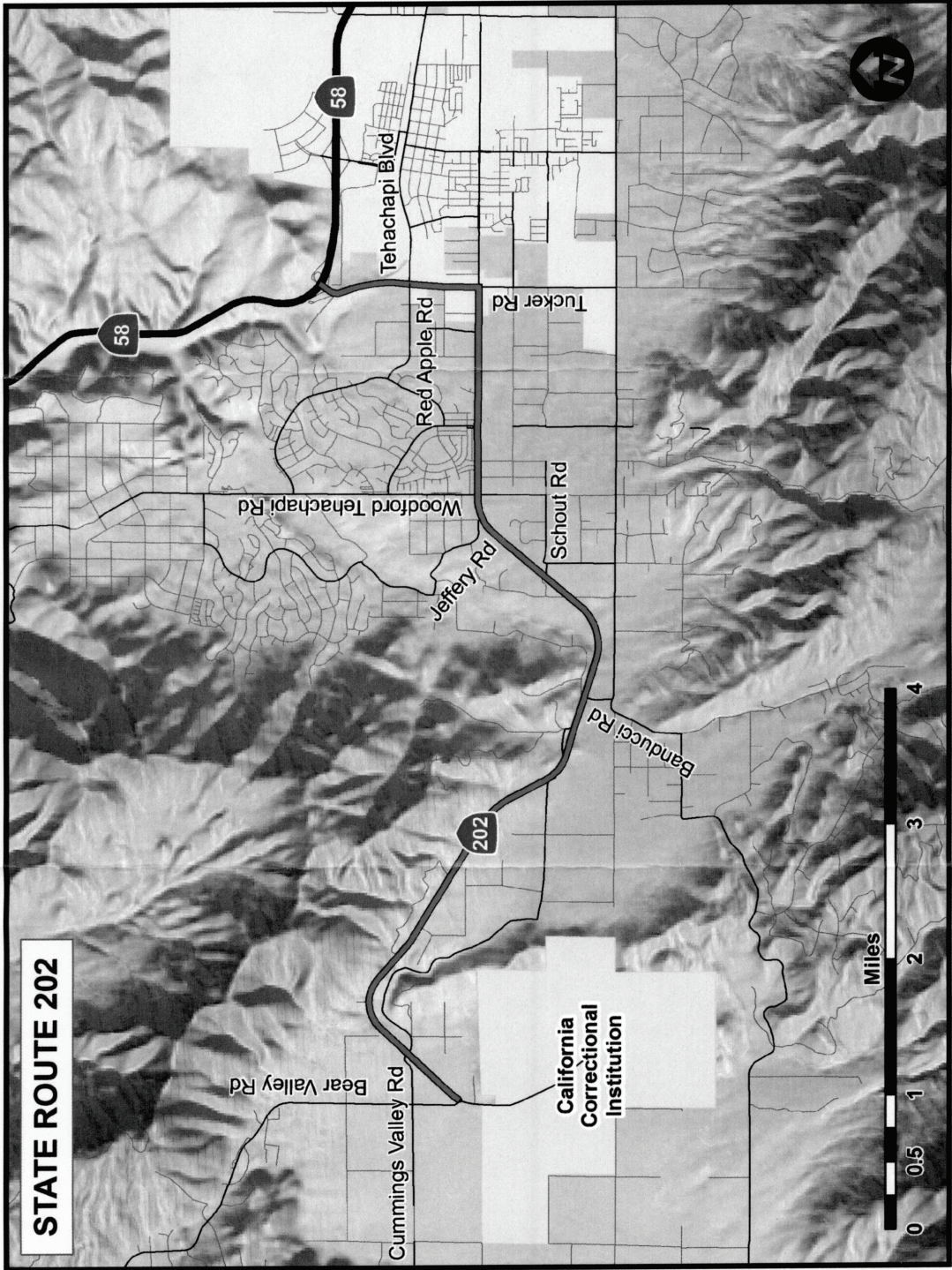
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